

*a very Good, and as I said a true
Character of Lord Lovat*

Lord LOVAT'S

CHARACTER,

BY THE

Lord BELHAVEN.



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Lord *LOVAT*'s Character.

LORD *Lovat*'s Conduct in Life has been of late no less particularly enquired into, than most amply exposed to public Censure by various Hands; but not having elsewhere met with the pithy, concise and short Character hereafter given him by an able Hand; and least those who abet, encourage, or have engaged in the same desperate, wicked and traitorous Attempts with his Lordship, to reduce this Nation once again to Popery, Slavery and Arbitrary Power, should impute what has already been published on that Occasion, to partial Views, or with a Design to aggravate his Lordship's Guilt, *only* for being so deeply engaged in the late Rebellion, it may conduce to many good Purposes, for the World to know his Lordship's former Character, as given of him by one who seems prejudiced against the Union of the two Kingdoms, and to be partially affected towards the Civil and Religious Interests of the *Scottish* Nation, and therefore could have no other Motive, to write what he has done of my Lord, but what proceeded from the Force of Truth, and the Notoriety of his Lordship's former Criminal Behaviour; nor would the Author have prefixed it to a Speech so highly applauded and esteemed by the *Scots*, as that of my Lord *Belhaven*'s was, had he not been assured, that what he asserted were undeniable Facts.

I must therefore observe, that in the Year

1733 Lord *Belhaven's* memorable Speech in the last Parliament of *Scotland*, held at *Edinburgh*, in *November 1706*, on the Subject-matter of the then projected Union of both Kingdoms, were reprinted by *J. Roberts* in *Warwick-Lane*, with a Preface. In Pages 7, 8, is the following remarkable Passage concerning Lord *Lovat*, then Capt. *Frazer*, on Occasion of the then *Scots Plot*, commonly called *Frazer's Plot*.

“ THAT he deserved (if practicable) to
“ have been hanged *Five* several Times, in
“ *Five* different Places, and upon *Five* different
“ Accounts at least; as having been notoriously a
“ Traitor to the Court of St. *James's*, a Traitor to the Court of *St. Ger-*
“ *mains*, a Traitor to the Court of *Versailles*,
“ and a Traitor to his own Country of *Scotland*,
“ in being not only an avowed and restless Enemy to the
“ Peace and Quiet of its established Government and Constitution,
“ both in Church and State; but likewise a vile *Proteus*
“ Apostate, backward and forward, and a Seducer of others in Point
“ of Religion, as the Tide or Wind changed.
“ And moreover, that (abstracting from all those his multiplied
“ Acts of Treason, abroad and at home) he deserved to be hanged
“ as a condemned *Criminal*, Out-law, and Fugitive, for the
“ barbarous, cruel, and most flagitious *RAPE*, he had with the Assistance
“ of some of his vile and abominable Band of associated
“ *Ruffians*, violently committed on the Body of a Right Honourable and
“ Virtuous

“ Virtuous Lady, the Widow of the late
“ Lord *Levat*, and Sister of his Grace the
“ late Duke of *Atbol*.

“ Nay, so hardened was Capt. *Frazer* be-
“ come in Wickedness, that he audaciously
“ erected a Gallows, and threatned to hang
“ thereon one of the said Lady's Brothers,
“ and some other Gentlemen of Quality, who
“ accompanied him, in going to rescue her
“ out of that Criminal's cruel Hands.”

A Character this! that were we to ran-
sack the Annals of all *Europe*, it would be
scarce possible to find from the highest to the
lowest Rank of Men, one so treacherous,
base, and profligate.

It is needless to add any Remarks on the
above, unless to observe, that by all Relation,
his Lordship has ever since persevered much
in the same Course of Life, so as now to have
filled up the Measure of his Iniquity, and
which cries aloud to Heaven for Vengeance,
and a speedy temporal Punishment. Indeed,
supposing what is above said of him be true,
as there is all the Reason in the World to
believe, having by me the Tract from whence
it is transcribed; I think his Lordship's for-
mer Guilt, without any regard to the Part
he has had in the late Rebellion, of which he
is in a fair Way of being convicted, does ex-
clusive of that new Instance of his traiterous
Practice, evince and prove, how much Pains
his Lordship has taken in Life, to merit an
Ax or Halter; and who will die as unpitied,
as he has lived unbeloved.

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